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SUBJECT: HONDURAS/EL SALVADOR: FONMIN EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT
HONDURAS DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN

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1. DURING MY RECENT CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER BORGONOVO (REFTEL)
HE INDICATED CONCERN ABOUT WHAT HE BELIEVES TO BE A HONDURAN
DIPLOMATIC EFFORT TO DEVELOP INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR ITS
POSITION IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EL SALVADOR. HE REFERRED
SPECIFICALLY TO A NOTE ALLEGEDLY CIRCULATED IN THE LAST MONTH
BY THE HONDURAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO TO ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSION
(INCLUDING THOSE OF EXTRA HEMISPHERIC NATIONS)
EXPLAINING THE GOH POSITION AFTER THE TERMINATION
OF THE MEXICO BI-LATERAL TALKS. WHILE PUBLIC WORD OF THE
HONDURAN EFFORT HAS NOT YET REACHED HERE, BORGONOVO IS CONCERNED
THAT IF IT DOES, IT MIGHT PROMPT DEMANDS FROM ULTRA-NATIONALISTIC
ELEMENTS THAT EL SALVADOR MOUNT A PROPAGANDA COUNTER OFFENSIVE
ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE. IN FACT, SOME MEMBERS OF HIS OWN
STAFF IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE ALREADY URGED THAT HE DO SO.
BORGONOVO HAS RESISTED THIS POSITION AND HE TOLD ME THAT HE
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IS OPPOSED TO INTERNATIONAL DEBATE OVER WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY
A BI-LATERAL PROBLEM. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE GOH

WILL NOT CONTINUE WITH SUCH A CAMPAIGN BUT RATHER KEEP THE
DISPUTE WITHIN THE CENTRAL AMERICAN FAMILY.
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